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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The total number of dead in the Chicago theatre fire has been established at 587. —— Violent break in prices of stocks in New York is ascribed to the war situation in the Far East. —— An investigation of the accounts of the Interstate Commerce Commission is being made by Treasury experts. —— Russia has decided not to accept Japan's precise proposals. —— Every theatre in the city of Chicago is closed, and will not be opened until every section of the ordinances regulating play houses is complied with. —— Gen. James Longstreet, C. S. A., died yesterday at Gainesville, Ga. —— A Pekin dispatch says among the best informed diplomats there war is regarded as inevitable. —— Miss Mary Martin was shot at a dance near Mayoden, N. C., by John Gans and died yesterday. —— The Countess of Esterhazy is the defendant in a damage suit for $10,000 by Mrs. Laura Delang, of Washington, D. C. —— The New England coast was storm swept last night. —— In New York city a severe storm prevailed, with heavy fall of snow. —— Fire at Wilson, N. C., early this morning caused a loss estimated at $135,000. —— Panic in the Thalia theatre in New York city last night; a stampede narrowly averted by the police.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 2.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 48 degrees; 8 P. M., 59 degrees: maximum, 66 degrees: minimum, 46 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, .00 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Friday 3.8 feet.

STORM WARNING.

Southeast storm signals were displayed at 10 A. M. to-day. The storm was then central over the Ohio valley, moving northeast.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—For North Carolina: Clearing and much colder Sunday; cold wave. Monday fair; cold and brisk to high northwest winds.

If there is war between Japan and Russia China will aid Japan by furnishing the tom toms and the stink-pots.

The boll-weevil has inflicted much damage on cotton; but the boll weevil has proved a terror to the speculators known as "shorts."

Panama has had an election and will proceed now to organize a national government, we are told. "An ounce of civet, good apothecary?"

We don't understand how Edward can "recognize" so small a speck on the map as the "infant" republic. It is a good long jump from England to Panama.

THE MORNING STAR congratulates the Charlotte *Observer* on the splendid exhibit it makes of its business, in all departments, during the year 1903.

A woman is reported in Iowa whose spleen has been removed and yet is alive and well. Make her mad and she will be mighty apt to show some spleen.

"Who would be free himself must strike the blow." Let the people of Wilmington keep this always in mind while demanding justice at the hands of the Seaboard Air Line.

A telegram from Roanoke, Va., says: "The Anti-Saloon League met its Waterloo here to-day, Roanoke going wet by 982 majority." Looks more like they met their Whiskey-loo.

"Hon. D. B. Hill has been selected as orator for the annual banquet of the Albany Undertakers' Association." His acceptance of that invitation shows that the pungent atmospheres have no terrors for him.

Emperor Menelik will present President Roosevelt with two lions and a pair of elephant tusks. We don't know what Teddy will do with the tusks, but the lions will be mighty handy when he is pestered too much with office-seekers.

Commenting on the Seaboard Air Line changes that are now matters of history, the Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot* remarks, as a conclusion of the whole matter: "In passing, however, it may be worthy of note that the forecast of the change in the presidency made by the newspapers weeks ago was 'authoritatively' denied, and each reiteration met with similar denial. We throw the suggestion out for what it is worth, but it would really seem that the newspapers get about as close to the truth and stick about as close to it as anybody else."

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

GEN. LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

Editor H. A. London, of Pittsboro, to Deliver the Address at the Celebration Here on January 19th.

Preparations are now under way by Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, U. C. V., Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, and George Davis Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, for the celebration of Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday, in Wilmington, January 19th. All three organizations have appointed committees and they are now preparing the programme.

Captain T. D. Meares is the chairman of the Veterans' committee, and he informs us that Hon. H. A. London, a prominent lawyer and editor of the *Chatham Record*, Pittsboro, N. C, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address on the occasion.

Col. John D. Taylor has accepted the invitation of the ladies to present the Crosses of Honor to the old soldiers.

The celebration is to be made a particularly interesting event.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

— The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular monthly session to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

— At 12:38 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was sent in from box 25. There was a slight blaze on Water street, but no damage was done.

— There will be a special convocation of Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., to-morrow night at 8 o'clock for work in the Pastmaster's Degree.

— Mr. W. E. Glenn, contractor for laying the drain pipe on Market street, from Fourth to Second, has a large force of hands at work and is making rapid progress.

— Mr. W. J. Reaves has purchased a $10,000 interest in the Wilmington Iron Works and becomes vice president and manager. Mr. E. P. Bailey is still the president.

— The British steamer "Caprera" on her way to sea yesterday morning ran aground just inside the bar. She floated at high tide and proceeded on her voyage, having received no injury.

— There will be services at the Seamen's Bethel this afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor of Grace M. E. Church. The public is invited to attend.

— Mr. M. A. Buie, manufacturer of lumber, Red Springs, N. C., sends the STAR a lovely calendar for 1904. That girl with the chrysanthemums in her hair is a "beaut," Brother Buie. Thanks.

— Yesterday evening at 6 o'clock one of the suburban cars ran into a trolley car at Third and Princess streets. The trolley was dented a little and one of the conductors was slightly hurt.

— The schooner "Helen G. Moseley," Captain Gray, cleared yesterday for New York with a cargo of 395,349 feet of lumber. The cargo was by the Angola Lumber Co., and the vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

— The new quartered oak circular seats have been placed in Brooklyn Baptist Church and will be used for the first time at the services to-day. They add greatly to the appearance of the church.

— The Christmas tree entertainment of the Second Advent Church will be given at the church next Wednesday night. There will be a nice programme of recitations and dialogue, and the affair will close with an interesting stereopticon exhibition.

Arrested on Charge of Stealing a Horse.

Jim Judge, who was in jail up to a few days ago under a peace bond, was again arrested last night about 9 o'clock. This time he was taken in on suspicion of stealing a horse.

Mr. Joe Rodderick, who is a watchman on the wharf and is a special policeman, saw Judge go into Mr. S. Seigle's stable, near Robinson & King's office, and watched him come out with a horse which had been bridled. Mr. Rodderick thereupon arrested Judge.

Judge denies that he was stealing the horse and says it was following him.

Cold Wave.

The Weather Bureau yesterday afternoon sent out the following bulletin: Cold wave; temperature will fall twenty to thirty degrees by Sunday night.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Yarborough & Murray—Card.
Geo. O Gaylord—Stock taking.
Stone & Co.—How 1904 finds us.
Sam'l Bear, Sr., & Sons—For sale.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
Stockholders National Bank—Meet'g
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Leading store.
Tobacco Warehouse Co.—Meeting.
J. W. Murchison & Co.—An invitat'n

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Furnished Rooms—For rent.
C. R., L & P. Co.—Extra cars.
Sisters in Despair—Speedy relief.
Miss Leonora Cantwell—Dancing.
Wanted—Manager for branch office.

The Mount Olive New Hotel, (Hotel Olivette) will open Jan. 2nd, 1904. Hotel strictly modern. Rates $2.00 per day, special rates by the week.
L. A. PEARTREE, Man. & Prop.

WILMINGTON IN 1903.

Large Increase in the Commerce, Trade and Banking Business of the City.

BANK CLEARINGS $10,000,000.

Deposits in the Five Banks Aggregate $4,727,498, Including $1,754,082 in the Three Savings Banks—A Big Lumber Business.

During the year just ended Wilmington has enjoyed the greatest prosperity in its history. The commerce of the port has increased fully 25 per cent., the shipping interest maintains its increase of the past few years, and the wholesale and retail mercantile business has increased fully 35½ per cent. The industries of the city have shared in the prosperity of the city, and during the year at least $300,000 has been invested in business, new industries and new corporations. The banks have done the largest business in the history of the city, the clearings for the year having been $10,000,000 or more. A prominent banker said yesterday that the clearances greatly exceed those of the previous year, a palpable evidence of the great increase of Wilmington's business in 1903. The present capital of the banks is, including surplus, $914,008, and their total footings are $5,938,917.

The deposits at the present time are $4,727,498 and their loans and discounts aggregate $3,857,789. The savings banks of the city contain deposits of $1,754,082, which fact indicates the the thrift of the working people of Wilmington in a most marked degree.

The cotton mills have done as satisfactory a business as the depressed condition of that branch of the manufacturing interest warrant, but in no period of the history of Wilmington have the lumber interests been on so large a scale and in such a prosperous condition. The lumber manufacturers have done a business of $1,000,000 and telegraph and telephone poles to the value of $100,000 and cross-ties to the value of $150,000 have been shipped from this port.

During the year the seaside resorts here have been visited by 150,000 people and the street car line in the city has handled 1,250,000 passengers. All railroads entering Wilmington have largely increased their freight and passenger traffic, which is a conspicuous evidence of Wilmington's growth and progress.

Wilmington has become the fifth cotton port in the United States, the receipts here since September 1st having been 971,570 bales. The exports of cotton, naval stores and lumber during the year just ended have exceeded in value $20,000,000, the specific value of these items being $19,671,909 for cotton, exports during 1903 094 for naval stores, and $168,506 for lumber. During the year the exports of cotton were 343 933 bales.

During the year the arrival of shipping has been 305 vessels, including 151 steamships, and 154 ships of all other classes.

The population of Wilmington has steadily increased, and one gratifying reflex of improved conditions may be emphasized. That is that five years ago the colored population composed two-thirds of the inhabitants, while now there is a majority of whites. Thus we observe that the negro handicap of "non-producers but consumers" has given way to the more intelligent, enterprising, provident and thrifty white man, and altogether the future of Wilmington has a wide horizon of opportunity and glowing promise.

Death of a Good Woman.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Virginia D. Davis, widow of the late George W. W. Davis. She died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at her home, 520 Castle street. She had been an invalid for years.

The deceased was aged 59 years, 3 months and 19 days, and in her death a patient, good woman has gone to her reward. She leaves two children, Mrs. J. F. Casteen and Mr. John H. Davis. She was a member of Fifth Street M. E. church. Mrs. Elizabeth Savage was her sister.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Fifth Street M. E. church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Fancy Ball on Tapis.

Miss Leonora Cantwell will soon give her dancing school a fancy ball, and it promises to be a most charming and interesting event. Many new, novel and fancy features will be introduced, and practice for the ball is now going on. The occasion will be anticipated with the keenest pleasure.

The mid-winter session of Miss Cantwell's dancing classes will open to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the afternoon class and at 8:30 P. M. for the night class.

Killed Deer and Turkeys.

On Wednesday morning Messrs. George Schnibben and J. F. Christian went up to Morrison's Creek on a hunting expedition and killed four fine deer and a lot of birds while in the country. They stayed at the house of Mr. Bill Futch and returned home Friday morning. Two of the deer were sold on the market and the other two were given to friends in the city.

Mr. A. H. Holmes returned on Friday from a hunting expedition. He killed two wild turkeys and several ducks.

— The British steamer "Armenia" passed over the bar and out to sea yesterday at 10.40 A. M.

N. C. CORPORATION COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Showing the Acreage and Value of Taxable Lands and Other Properties in State—Other Important Matters.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission issue their annual report as a State tax commission, which shows among numerous other important items that 27,783,894 acres of land are valued at $4 35 per acre; Gaston leading at $13.48 valuation per acre and Dare lowest with only 93 cents.

The towns showing largest real and personal property valuation are Asheville, $5,186 313; Charlotte, $8,348,660; Salisbury, $2,169,708; Greensboro, $3,885,597; Durham, $9,382,642; Raleigh, $5,818,592; Wilmington, $3,171,190.

Solvent credits in the State amount to $38,456,156, Forsyth leading with $1,356,658; Dare least with $5,807.

Counties showing largest indebtedness are Mecklenburg, $354,506; Rutherford, $148,300; Cumberland $123,300.

Towns showing largest indebtedness are Asheville, $1,000,000; Charlotte, $605,000; Greensboro, $453,749; Wilmington, $682,000.

Tax rates, including municipal, State, county, school and special taxes as in towns, are Asheville, $2 50; Wilmington, $2 43; Greensboro, $2.09; Raleigh, $2.35; Salisbury, $1.86.

The total amount of taxes levied in North Carolina for 1902, State, county, school and municipal, was $738,445.74. This was on total property valuations, etc., amounting to $346,878,023.

The report as Corporation Commission shows that during the year only 68 93 miles of railroad were constructed and put into operation, the total at the end of the year being 3,750.88 miles in operation. Net earnings were greater than ever before. Gross earnings amounted to $18,610 815, and operating expenses $13,136,977. There are 14,652 men employed against 11,401 for the previous year.

During the year 121 persons were killed and 1 657 injured; against 87 killed and 1,069 injured during the year previous. Of those killed this year five were passengers, 43 employes, 61 trespassers and 12 not trespassers.

There were 389 complaints made to the commission during 1903 the greater part being settled by correspondence satisfactorily to all parties.

The commission reports that there are now 155 banks in the State, against 120 last year, the present total resources being $36,188,282. There are 36 building and loan associations operating in the State with assets aggregating $3,283,507.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. SHARP.

This Capable Gentleman Retired from the Treasurership of Seaboard Air Line.

Elsewhere in THE STAR this morning we publish a Norfolk special to the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*, in which it will be seen that Captain John H. Sharp, formerly of Wilmington, has been retired as treasurer of the Seaboard Air Line.

Everybody in this and other Southern States who know Mr. Sharp will regret that the recent evolution in the Seaboard management has brought about a situation that makes it necessary for him to be retired from the treasurership. Captain Sharp is well known and highly esteemed throughout North Carolina, and his eminent ability, thoroughgoing integrity and lofty character are recognized by men in every State through which the Seaboard Air Line system extends.

It is particularly gratifying to Captain Sharp's friends to observe that Mr. Barr, the able president of the system, has paid a high and pre-eminently deserved tribute to the retiring treasurer for his efficiency, fidelity, and uprightness in the discharge of his duties.

Knowing Captain Sharp as we do we can say that no man in the service was more capable in the discharge of his duties or more loyal to the Seaboard Air Line.

BIG ATTRACTION.

Rose Coghlan and Her Strong Cast to Appear at Academy Thursday Night.

Rose Coghlan will appear in this city at the Academy of Music on Thursday, Jan. 7th, in "The Greatest Thing in the World," a delightfully wholesome play, full of sentiment and heart interest, which presents Rose Coghlan in a congenial and lovable character, that of a widow in high society, whose twosons have inherited a tendency for alcoholic dissipation, and whom she rescues by her loving influence. When she has happily mated both her boys, she herself finds solace in the true affection of a life-long lover. Miss Coghlan is under the direction of Jules Murry, who has surrounded her with a cast of uncommon strength.

The prices of admission for this big attraction will will be $1.50 and $1.00 for reserved seats. General admission 50 cents. The box sheet opens at Plummer's Wednesday morning.

SOUTH DAKOTA CASE.

It Comes Up in the United States Supreme Court at Washington To-morrow.

The Hon. George Rountree, one of North Carolina's counsel in the case of South Dakota against North Carolina, concerning some of the repudiated bonds of the reconstruction period in this State, left last night for Washington, D. C., where the argument in this cause will begin to-morrow in the United States Supreme Court. Ex-Judge James E. Shepherd and others of North Carolina's counsel went on from Raleigh.

Former Governor D. L. Russell, of South Dakota's counsel, is already in Washington, having gone on several days ago in connection with this case.

— Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, was on our streets yesterday.

S. A. L. SITUATION.

Captain John H. Sharp, the Efficient Treasurer, Dropped After Long Service.

BUSINESS POLICY UNCHANGED

Ryan Interests Wanted a Man of Their Own Choice to Take Captain Sharp's Place—Mr. Barr Pleased at Being Chosen President.

[*Richmond Times-Dispatch.*]

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 31.—Mr. James M. Barr, the new president of the Seaboard, is naturally greatly pleased at the vote of confidence accorded him by the directors of the system, and during the morning he received many callers who desired to extend congratulations. Telegrams and telephone messages of congratulation were also showered upon the official.

Mr. Barr, nevertheless, remained at his desk all day, attending to the routine business of his office. He said that he had no statement whatsoever to make regarding the policy of the railway during his administration as its president. He has been in charge of the policy of the road for almost three years now, anyway, and it is scarcely probable that there will be any change therein. In fact, the president-elect stated this fact definitely.

Regarding the change in treasurers, Mr. Barr said that certainly no reflection could possibly be intended upon the faithful and upright retiring treasurer, Mr. John H. Sharp, who has efficiently handled the funds of the company for the past twenty-three years. He desired to make public acknowledgement, he said, of the ability and fidelity of this gentleman.

"It is quite natural," said the new president, "that the people who have recently put their millions into this property should desire a man of their own selection as treasurer. The election of Mr. M. S. Meldrim as vice president and treasurer was the logical outcome of the recent change in the property.

Mr. Sharp, the retiring treasurer, has been a resident of this city for the past ten years or more. He started in the railway business with the old Carolina Central Railway, one of the most important constituent properties of the Seaboard, as a book-keeper. This was in April, 1892.

In 1893, when the Georgia Carolina and Northern Railway was completed to Atlanta, he was made treasurer of the consolidated lines, with headquarters here. Later on, when Mr. J. S. Williams combined the then Seaboard system with the Southbound, the Florida Central and Peninsular and the Georgia and Alabama, Mr. Sharp was made treasurer of the consolidated properties.

When seen this morning he was at his office, performing his duties as usual. He had no criticism whatever to make of the action of the Board of Directors, but quite to the contrary, he said that it was the most natural thing in the world that the New York financiers, owning an interest in the property, should desire a treasurer in New York. Regarding his future plans, he could not speak.

It is the belief of those close to the president-elect that the [illegible] will be some position of responsibility with the system, as an indication of the road's appreciation of his most efficient service.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. F. Young, the banker, of Dunn, N. C., spent yesterday in the city.

— Miss Annie Hamme will return to-day from Oxford, where she spent a few days pleasantly with relatives and friends.

— Mr. T. A. Wortham and bride returned last evening from Oxford and Durham, where they have been visiting his relatives and friends.

— Hereafter no "Personals" sent through the mails, or direct to the office, will be printed in the STAR unless accompanied with a responsible name.

— Mr. R. N. Cronly, secretary to President Warren G. Elliott, of the Atlantic Coast Line, returned to Baltimore last night. He came here Friday and his friends were exceedingly glad to see him.

— Mr. J. Q. Herring, of Berta, called on us yesterday and says everything is lovely around his country. The new bridge at Still Bluff on Black river has been completed and the neighborhood now has an outlet.

— Editor Pat McGowan, of the *Harbinger*, a union labor paper which he publishes at the State capital, paid the STAR a pleasant call yesterday. After spending Christmas with his nephew, Mr. W. H. McGowan, he returned last afternoon to Raleigh.

Mabel Paige Closes Her Engagement.

Mabel Paige and her capable company closed their week's engagement at the Academy of Music last night. There was another big audience and the bill was "A Battle for Life," a fine melodrama that was presented in a most superior way. Miss Paige as "Snip" did a happy piece of dramatic work, and elicited the most unbounded applause. The stage and electric effects were very pleasing to the audience.

Negotiations are already on foot to get this charming actress to return for another engagement this season.

At the Academy last night the Elks were Miss Paige's guests, and after the show she and members of her company were royally entertained by the Elks at their beautiful temple.

— The Rev. W. I. Herbert, an eloquent and prominent Methodist minister of Columbia, S. C., has arrived in the city, and at 11 o'clock this morning will preach at Grace M. E. Church. This afternoon at 5 o'clock he will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A.

HIGHWAYMEN ABROAD.

Another Man Was Knocked in the Head Last Night—Andrew Walker Robbed of $287 34 Friday Night.

Ex-Alderman Andrew Walker, colored, was able to come down town yesterday and tell of his thrilling experience with the two highwaymen who robbed him Friday night at Sixth and Nun streets.

He states that the robbers got from him a roll of bills amounting to $287.54, all of which was lodge money except $6 88 which belonged individually to him. The money belonged to Free Love Lodge, of which Walker is treasurer. He says he took a trolley car at Second and Princess streets, and got off at Seventh and Nun streets to go to Second and Nun streets to attend a meeting of the trustees and financial board of Free Love Lodge. The meeting was to be held in Ruth Hall, and when Walker started on Nun street in that direction, he states that he saw two men standing alongside the pavement. As he passed them, one seized him by the arm and tore his overcoat, and the other knocked him senseless with a club. He says he remembers about having received two licks, but afterward he was unconscious and didn't know whether they struck him while he was down or not. His pants pocket was torn while the robbers hurriedly took his roll of money out. It was in a handkerchief and was wrapped around with paper. He was taking the money to the meeting to make a showing to the finance committee.

Walker says his assailants were negroes, one being a brown-colored, tall man of heavy build, and the other a short black man of heavy build. After they robbed him one went over to the southwest corner of Sixth and Nun streets and disappeared while the other went over to the northeast corner of Nun and Fourth streets and disappeared. Policeman H. W. Howell, who was at Sixth and Ann streets heard the lick which felled Walker and heard him hollow for help. He ran in that direction but did not see either of the robbers. He found Walker unconscious. Walker says when he came to himself Officer Howell was helping him up off the pavement.

Walker does not know who his assailants were but thinks it is somebody who knew he was to take the money to the meeting at Ruth Hall. He received two severe licks, one on the shoulder and one on the left side of the head, the latter causing blood to come from his ears and nose.

ANOTHER MAN KNOCKED IN THE HEAD.

Last night about 9 o'clock, in Strauss' Alley, between Fourth and Fifth and Harnett streets, Henry Burton, colored, 19 years old, was found insensible from having been clubbed [illegible] head. He was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Akerman dressed a bad wound in his head over the left ear. It is not likely that the skull is fractured, but the wound is a serious one. Burton is suffering from concussion of the brain.

Who struck Burton or how or under what manner he was hurt is a mystery. He was so addled at the hospital that no sense could be gotten out of anything he said. It is quite probable that he was knocked down and robbed. He works at the Armour fertilizer works, near the Seaboard Air Line depot, and was on his way home. He was in a semi-conscious condition when heard from after midnight last night.

When Burton was picked up in the alley he was covered with blood, sand and dirt. There is no clue to the deed.

The United Charities to Meet.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 1903.

The United Charity Association will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 1904, at 3 o'clock at Chesnut Street Presbyterian church. All members are requested to attend.

C. E. DAVIS, Sec'y.

DIED.

THORBURN—At the home of her daughter, Mrs J. E Bloodworth, on the morning of Jan. 2d 19 4, Mrs. MARY A. R. THORBURN, in the 61st year of her age.

Funeral will take place to-day at St. Andrew's Church at 3 30 P. M. Interment at Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

DAVIS—Saturday at 9:20 A. M., Mrs. VIRGINIA D. DAVIS, aged 56 years, 3 months and 19 days, Widow of late Geo. W. Davis.

Funeral at 3 30 Sunday afternoon, at residence, No. 520 Castle street, thence to Oakdale. Friends and acquaintances invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1 R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—There will be a special convocation Monday evening, 8 o'clock, for work in the Past Master's degree.
By order of the High Priest.
W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.
jan 3 1t

A Card.

To My Friends and Patrons:

I take this method of thanking you, one and all for your liberal patronage in the past and asking for a continuance of the same in the future and hoping you success in all branches of life. Respectfully,
YARBOROUGH & MURRAY.
jan 3 1t

Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company will be held at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday 13th January, 1904, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.
jan 3 1t

Administrator's Notice.

Having this day qualified as administrator of Albert Wrobel, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to the deceased to make immediate payment to me, and all persons to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me on or before the 18t day of December 1904 or his notice will be plead in bar of recovery. This the 19th day of November, 1903.

JOSEPH MEIER,
Administrator of Albert Wrobel, deceased.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. no 25 6t su

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.,
No. 9 North Front Street.

It Is The Policy of This Store to Lead!

To be the first in line with the new things on the very threshold of the season. Until you see the new styles shown in this store you are not sure of the really new. We inaugurate our

January Embroidery Sale,

Beginning Monday, January 4th, when we will have on display our new Emoroideries. Besides our match sets, we will show hundreds of pieces at 19, 29, 39, 49, 59 and 69 cents per yard, worth double, consisting of Edging and Insertions, in Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss.

Call early and secure the best patterns.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.
jan 3 tf

The Annual Meeting
OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE
Atlantic National Bank,
of Wilmington, N. C., will be held at their Banking House Tuesday January 12th, at 12 o'clock noon.
jan 3 tf

TO OUR TRADE.

We thank each and every one for their liberal Patronage during this year, 1903, and we earnestly solicit a larger share of your trade during 1904.

Our facilities are unequalled, and our capital ample to serve you, large or small.

Wishing each and every one a merry Xmas and a very prosperous nineteen hundred and four.
Yours, truly,
D. L. GORE CO.,
Wholesale Grocers and Importers,
118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 North Water St., Wilmington, N. C.
dec 25 tf

KEEP YOUR FEET DRY! WEAR
Rubbers.
You ought to see our latest with the thick extension heel; they wear twice as long as the ordinary kind. Sold at
Solomon's Shoe Store.
dec 13 tf

For Sale,
One fifteen barrel Turpentine Still, Cap, Arm and Worm complete, in good order.
SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS.,
Wholesale Grocers,
Wilmington, N. C.,
19 Market Street.
jan 3 D&W tf

ONE NIGHT OF FUN.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC
Wednesday Night, Jan. 6, 1904.
Big benefit for
Wilmington Light Infantry.
The Four Act Society Comedy,
A MODERN SHAKESPEARE.
Refined Vaudeville between acts. Tickets now on sale at R. DeRos st's Book Store.
jan 1 6t

Hog Jowl and Peas.
We will supply you with the above for your New Year's dinner.
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3.

THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF COTTON.

Cotton is more eagerly sought now than gold. The great manufacturing nations are searching the earth's surface for lands on which cotton can be grown. England, Germany and France are experimenting in cotton growing wherever they think there is a chance of finding soil and climate adapted to the cultivation of the fleecy staple. The search is being prosecuted more eagerly than is the search for lands that will yield gold. This is because of what is believed to be a shortage in the American cotton crop and the high price of cotton. There is also an impression that the limit has been reached in the American crop.

This impression is an erroneous one. On Tuesday, in Atlanta, Col. S. W. Eldridge, of Hillhouse, Miss., said that his crop this year was about 8,000 bales, and that in good cotton years he got about 10,000 bales on the 10,000 to 15,000 acres which he planted. He also stated that if he could get sufficient help he could raise all the cotton necessary to supply the mills of this country. He is the largest cotton planter in the world, and has, of course, given a great deal of attention to the growing of cotton.

He meant to be understood that there was land enough in this country adapted to the growing of cotton to supply the demand of the world for cotton. All that is needed is labor. And why shouldn't that be forthcoming? Hundreds of thousands of immigrants are coming to this country every year. They are crowded into the sweat shops of the great cities, and, owing to unsanitary surroundings, their death rate is alarmingly large. Why shouldn't a percentage of these immigrants be placed upon the cotton lands of the South, where they could soon make comfortable homes for themselves? If this policy were adopted they would be better off and the world would be benefitted.

In the New York *Sun* of Tuesday last there is an article giving an account of a Pole who came to this country for the purpose of engaging in farming, in other words, of becoming a farm hand. He was an intelligent man, and no doubt expected as soon as he accumulated a little money to begin farming for himself. Some of his friends in New York city tried to persuade him to remain in that city, but he persisted in going to the country, and he is now established on a farm earning good wages, and in the course of a few years he will be the owner of a little farm.

More than half of the cotton produced in this country is the product of white labor. The old-time idea that only the black man can work in the cotton field has been proven to be erroneous. Germany, England and France can accomplish far more towards increasing the world's supply of cotton by encouraging the intelligent and thrifty men and women who leave their shores to seek homes here to locate in the cotton-growing section than they can by searching for new cotton lands in Asia and Africa. And there is nothing in the way of their giving this encouragement. They have only to have the necessary information as to the advantages of settling in the cotton States scattered among the classes of their people from whom the immigrants come.

And our own government could do a great deal to direct the class of immigrants to the South that would do well in the cotton growing section. At present there isn't one immigrant in a thousand who knows anything about the South and her advantages,

There is no better time than the present to agitate this matter. The whole world is talking about cotton. Almost as many people are interested in it as are interested in grain from which bread is made. As already stated, not half our cotton lands are under cultivation, and those that are could be made to produce much more abundantly.—*Savannah News.*

EARLIEST HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Among the new books just out is "History of North Carolina," "by John Lawson, Gentleman." The book is from the presses of the Charlotte, N. C., *Observer*, and it is a reprint of the copy now in the North Carolina State Library at Raleigh, which copy was presented by President James Madison, in 1831.

The book, which the *Observer* publishes, is neat in typography and contains a better, cleaner and larger reprint of the early map which is found in Lawson's history. It is indeed a very valuable publication, and should be in the hands of every intelligent North Carolinian. The publisher deserves commendation for reproducing this publication, as it will be the means of preserving a most quaint and deeply interesting history of Carolina in the early days of the colony. In fact, the compiler says in his preface that it may truly be termed "the first real history of North Carolina."

The compiler is Col. Fred A. Olds, the well known Raleigh newspaper man, and he has done a good work in his efforts to thus place within reach of the people of the State historical facts which very few Carolinians have had an opportunity to learn.

Lawson's history, of which the *Observer's* book is a reprint, bears date of 1714, which ante-dates the settlement of Wilmington. It appeard that after Lawson gathered the notes and material for his history, he began its publication in parts as early as 1708 at London and there are some copies dated 1710. The particular copy from which this reprint is compiled by Col. Olds was presented to the State of North Carolina in 1831 by President James Madison, and it is preserved in the State Library at Raleigh. Truly it is a book more marvellously interesting than fiction.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The South, of course, would delight to see one of its sons preferred and to witness the restoration of its early presidential leadership; and that time will come, for Southern statesmanship will again prevail when these latter day adventures have brought their bitter fruit of disappointment. But hardly in this generation. Meanwhile the South is content to hold up the ancient principles which had the r birth in the Southern colonies and their dedication in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution.—*Houston Post, Dem.*

—— In the course of political conflicts it has become plain that no man can be elected President merely by the united votes of his own party. Above parties there is a formidable political element that arbitrates between them and turns the scale of victory. What is already clear is that by the Panama transaction Roosevelt has forfeited the votes of all but the regular troops of the Republican party, and they cannot elect him. It remains, then, for the Democratic party to make such a nomination for President as will harmonize all its elements and at the same time secure the support of independent voters. Then will victory not only be certain, but its results will be auspicious and enduring.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

—— The complaint against the railroads' discriminating practices upon the commerce of South Carolina merchants will be heard by the State railroad commission next week. A very clear case of unfair hampering of this State's trade has been made by the associations in all parts of South Carolina which have made common cause in this very worthy and essentially important fight and it seems impossible that the commission can pass the complaint without redress of its presented grievances. If it does the General Assembly will soon be in session and appeal to that representative body of the people's interests should bring right results.—*Charleston Post, Dem.*

—— With an epidemic of pneumonia raging throughout the country, the timely warning of the physician should receive obedient regard by those persons who would escape the disease. It is an infectious disease spread through the respiratory passages, and while the severe weather continues there is great danger of a terrible death rate unless due precautionary measures are taken. The conditions are so alarming in the big cities, where the malady has seized the people in its grasp, that the health authorities are necessarily concerned and are urging the public to beware. Exposure and the free use of liquors, together with many other causes, tend to help its spread, and there is no safer way to escape it than by regular habits, ample clothing and cleanliness.—*Greenville (S. C.) News, Dem.*

—— Council Bluffs, Ia., has had a taste of the desperate negro and came very near having the experience of a double lynching. It is altogether creditable to the Iowa mob, however, that it was amenable to reason and that before committing the crime for which it was organized the leaders listened to wise counsel and dispersed. Two negroes had criminally assaulted two respectable white women, and their worthless necks were only saved through the courageous interference of leading citizens. Let us hope that this incident will lead the citizens of Council Bluffs to view with something more of charity the Southern sentiment that calls for the summary punishment of the perpetrator of this beastly crime. They may not condone the lynching, but they may understand with somewhat more readiness the provocation that leads their Southern fellow-citizens at times into such bloody excesses.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite, and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run-down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c a bottle.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

Southside Baptist church: Service to-day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

St. Thomas' church: First mass, 7 A. M.; high mass and sermon, 10:30 A. M.; vespers and sermon, 7:45 P. M.

First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets: Services to day at 11 A. M and 7:30 P. M., conducted by the Rev. Oscar Powers, of Kentucky.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Rev. C. W. Kegley, supply pastor: Sunday school at 3:30 P. M Preaching at 4:30 P. M. Public cordially invited.

St. John's church, corner Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector: Second Sunday after Christmas. Litany, sermon and holy communion at 11 A. M. Sunday school 4 P. M. Seats free. Strangers cordially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley pastor: Sunday school at 9:45 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M. Services at 7:30 P. M. Services Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. Every person welcome.

Grace M. E. church, South, Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. N. M. Watson pastor. Services at 11 A. M., conducted by Rev. W. I. Herbert, of Columbia, S. C., and by the pastor at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison National Bank building, first floor, Chestnut street entrance. Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon: "Life." All are invited to attend.

TWINKLETOES.

— "No one should ever judge that man by the company he keeps." "Why?" "He's the warden of our jail."—*Troy Budget.*

— The Man—Didn't you promise to love, honor and obey me? The Woman—Didn't you promise to endow me with all your worldly goods?—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Mr. Subbubs—"Dear, you needn't get me that lawn mower for Christmas." Mrs. Subbubs—"Why not?" Mr. Subbubs—"Mrs. Nexdore is going to give her husband one."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Willie—Pa, you don't get chestnuts until after there's a frost, do you? Pa—Except in the case of a farce-comedy, my son. Then the chesnuts come first and the frost afterward.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "Cheer up, brother," said the preacher to the sick man, "there's a warm welcome for you over yonder!" "Parson," gasped the man, "which way do you reckon I'm a-goin'?"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

— "We had planned an ideal life—love in a cottage, and all that, you know." "Well, why did you not carry it out?" "The man who owned the cottage insisted on rent in advance."—*Houston Post.*

— "Say, Parker, why don't you move out in Mosaville?" "Too much malaria." "Did you have substantial proof?" "Should say so. I asked the grocer the price of some white peas outside in a hamper, and he said they were quinine pills."—*Chicago News.*

— "Don't you know," said the tall man at the free-lunch counter, "I'll be satisfied with the world if I could find a pearl in this oyster soup." "Some people want so much," sighed the little man; I'd be satisfied if I could find an oyster.—*Phil. Record.*

— "That's the local weather forecaster who just passed us." "Indeed? He isn't a very healthy-looking man, is he?" "No, he says the climate here doesn't agree with him." "I wonder if that's why he keeps changing it so much?"—*Philadelphia Press.*

His Special Line.

"Did your son specialize along any particular line?" somebody asked of the college graduate's proud mother.

"Oh, yes," was the reply. "I heard one of his friends say that he made a great record for himself on the rush line the last two years he was in college."—Syracuse Herald.

Another Reformer.

"Yes, sir," said the gentleman boodler, "I believe the great trouble in this country is that we are too slow in having the law take its course. There should be less delay. I am in favor of having the statute of limitations take effect within twenty four hours."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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Cheney's Expectorant is the best cough medicine in the world. My little child was subject to violent attacks of croup until I obtained a bottle of Cheney's Expectorant. One dose soothes the throat membranes and produces rest.

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Miss Julia M. Beu, Overworked and Nervous, Tells of Her Remarkable Cure by Vinol.

How many women right here in Wilmington are in her condition dragging out a weary existence? They are not sick enough to lie in bed, but they are overworked, tired out, run down, thin, nervous and miserable. Such women will be interested in Miss Beu's letter.

Miss Beu writes: "I was nervous and weak, having constant headaches, and that general worn out, overworked, tired-all-the-time feeling. Vinol was recommended to be as a wonderful cod liver oil restorative for weak, tired women. I tried it and it has made an entirely different person of me. I am well and strong, and can do my work with ease and without fatigue. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Vinol to overworked, tired, nervous women, as I believe it is without an equal in its wonderful restorative powers."

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and build up such women, and he offers to every one in Wilmington, health and strength if they will but try Vinol on his guarantee. Because Vinol contains the active curative principles of cod liver oil actually taken from fresh cod livers; it works in harmony with nature, makes rich, red blood and strengthens in a natural manner every muscle, nerve and organ in the body. It is the greatest vitalizer and strength creator known to medicine.

It gives new life and strength to the aged; it cures stomach troubles, hard colds, hanging-on coughs, restores lost appetites, and gives strength to the convalescent.

If it fails to give satisfaction Mr. Bellamy agrees to cheerfully refund the purchase money.

Co-operation In England.

Co-operation scored a great success in England and Scotland during the past year, according to the report submitted by the board of control to the co-operative congress at Doncaster. The movement embraces nearly 1,700 societies, with a membership of 2,300,000. The value of the shares in the various enterprises amounts to $130,000,000.

During 1902 the sales aggregated $430,000,000, an increase for the year of $20,000,000. Profits increased $2,500,000 and aggregated $50,000,000. Besides engaging in the sale of merchandise the co-operators undertook such industries as the manufacture of cotton, linen, silk, wool, shoes, leather, metal ware, hardware and woodwork They also conducted with success building, quarrying, printing, bookbinding, flour milling and baking.—Maxwell's Talisman.

Antarctic Eccentricities.

Some of the seamen returned to New Zealand from the Discovery, who have had experience of both the arctic and antarctic, say that the cold in the latter is less severe and the atmosphere drier. A curious phenomenon they did not expect and cannot explain is the fact that the cold winds in the antarc- ... usually north, while the comparatively warm winds ... south.

They saw icebergs of the most fantastic shapes, resembling houses, churches and steamers. The sledge dogs struck work repeatedly, and the men had to do quite as much pulling as the animals. In the western sledge journey an ice slide was descended in 1 minute and 10 seconds. It took three days to ascend the same slide on the return journey, the sledges being hauled up by block and pulley.

Swiss Mountain Railroad.

A protest is being raised in Switzerland against the construction of so many mountain railroads and particularly of the line which is slowly creeping up the Jungfrau. The Wengern Alp, it seems, once sacred to the beautiful gentian, is speckled with the shells of hard boiled eggs, rows of ladies read penny "society" papers at the edge of the Elger glacier, and at the Sheideck a gramophone has taken the place of the "Ranz des Vaches." Happily there still remain a few resorts of the old style, known to the elect, but they become fewer every year, and the projects of the engineers are so ingenious and extensive that on the Bernese Oberland, at all events, another decade will probably see the last of them invaded.

Evidently Well Fixed.

Farmer Greene—Ol' Bill Jenkins must hev money enough tew retire an' live comfortable.

Farmer Brown—That's right. No man would work eighteen hours a day an' live on buttermilk an' pertaters like Bill does unless he had th' "dough."—Judge.

Suggesting a Switch.

Uncle John—How do you like the new minister, Tommy?

Tommy—I don't like 'im. I think he must 'a' been a schoolteacher onct.

Uncle John—Why do you think so?

Tommy—'Cause whenever he talks to me he always holds his hand behind 'im.—Philadelphia Press.

His Argument.

"George, your watch should be worth a mint of money to you."

"Why so?"

"Gains time steadily."

"Yes."

"Well, time is money."—Yonkers Statesman.

Crushing Sarcasm.

Sharp Featured Woman—No; I have nothing to give to tramps.

Eaton Jonalong (with a low bow)—Next time I do myself the honor of callin' on ye, ma'am, I'll come in my autymobul.—Denver News.

The practice of economy in the earlier years of a man's life sometimes develops into stinginess as the man gets older. This is bad. As between the usefulness of a lazy man and a stingy one there is not much to choose, save that the latter can be meaner in his stinginess than the former in his laziness.

We have seen a barb wire fence separating two droves of hogs, one of which was exterminated by the cholers, the other with never a sick hog in it. We have also seen a wire fence divide two cornfields, one of which yielded sixty-five bushels an acre, the other twenty-five bushels. Wire fences are great things.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing of the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, January 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 53c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	58
Rosin	153
Tar	390
Crude turpentine	6

Receipts same day last year—651 casks spirits turpentine, 60 barrels rosin, 459 barrels tar, 47 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market firm at 8¼c for middling.

Receipts—370 bales; same day last year, 304.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 13½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

MONTHLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For month of December, 1903.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
52,471	939	6,444	7,164	1,999

RECEIPTS.

For month of December, 1902.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
49,887	1,886	9,501	8,415	1,853

EXPORTS.

For month of December, 1903.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	915	1,497	941	3,019	333
Foreign	64,332	....	14,136	....	....
	64,762	858	15,443	9,126	133

EXPORTS.

For month of December, 1902.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	915	1,497	941	3,019	333
Foreign	53,325	....	7,513	....	....
	54,240	1,497	7,754	3,019	333

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat January 1, 1904.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	7,309	....	7,309
Spirits	606	46	742
Rosin	23,661	409	23 070
Tar	8,473	235	8,708
Crude	723	....	723

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat January 1, 1904.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude
12,091	492	29,553	4,604	5,191

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Money on call nominal; no loans transactions; time loans were steady; sixty days, 5¼@5¾ per cent; ninety days 4¾@5 per cent.; six months 4½@5 per cent. Posted rates were steady and ... Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484@484 25 for demand and 481@481.25 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 81½@482 and 485@485¼. Commercial bills 480¼@480¾. Bar silver 56. Mexican dollars 43¼. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, ex int, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 105¾; do. coupon, 106¾; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133; do. coupons 133¼; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, ex int, 107¼; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 107½; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern R'y, 5's, ex int., 112¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 88; Chesapeake & Ohio 33; Manhattan L 141¼; New York Central 117¼; Reading 43¼; do. 1st preferred 76¾; do. 2nd preferred 58; St. Paul 142½; do. pref'd, 176; Southern Railway 19¾; do. pref'd 77¼; Amalgamated Copper 47¾; People's Gas 96¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 35¼; U. S. Leather 7¾; U. S. Leather, preferred, 75¾; Western Union 86¼; U. S. Steel 11¼; do. preferred 55; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 26; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 96; sales — shares. Standard Oil 660.

BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 2.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10¾@11; do. preferred, 21¾@23; do. bonds, fours, 71 b'd. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 107@108; do. preferred, —.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Cotton—Holiday: Galveston, holiday, net receipts 12,154 bales; Norfolk, holiday, net receipts 3,000 bales; Boston, quiet at 13 50c, net receipts 123 bales, Wilmington, holiday, net receipts 370 bales; New Orleans, holiday, net receipts 6,244 bales; Mobile, nominal at 13c, net receipts 147 bales; Memphis, holiday, net receipts 2,103 bales; Augusta, holiday; Charleston, nominal, net receipts, two days, 661 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Holiday in the grain and provision markets. Butter firm; extra creamery 23½c; State dairy 14@20. Cheese steady; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Eggs—State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 37c. Other markets nominal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Pessimistic advices from European capitals in regard to the possibility of war in the Far East caused an advance of 3½c in May wheat, 2½c in corn and 75c in pork to day. While all of the advances did not hold closing prices near were the top.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Cash prices: Flour—Market strong. Wheat—No. 2 spring —c; No. 3 spring 73@78c; No. 2 red 83@87. Corn—No. 2 44c; No. 2 yellow 45. Oats—No. 2 36¾c; No. 3 white 36½@38. Rye—No. 2 52¾. Mess pork, per bbl, $13 25@13 37½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 90@7 00. Short rib sides, loose, $6 50@6 62½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 37½@6 50. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May 84¾, 87¾, 84¾, 87½c; July 80@81¼, 83¼, 80, 83¾@83½c; September 78, 80¾, 78, 80c. Corn—No. 2 January 42¾, 43¾, 42¾, 43¼; May 45¾@46¼, 47⅞, 45⅞@46, 48¾@47⅞; July 45¾@45¾, 47⅞, 43¾, 47¾@47¾c. Oats—No. 2 January 36¼, 36¼, 36¼, 36½c; May 38¼@38¾, 39, 38¾, 38¾c; July 35¾, 36¼, 35¾, 36½c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $13 07½, 13 20, 13 07½, 13 20; May $13 07½, 13 32½, 13 07½, 13 32½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 87½, 7 02½, 6 87½, 6 92½; May $7 05, 7 27½, 7 05, 7 17½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 47½, 6 62½, 6 47½, 6 57½; May $6 77½, 7 00, 6 77½, 6 90.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 7½c; mild firm; Cordova 8¼@12c. Futures opened steady at an advance of 5 points and ruled very active and closed steady at an advance of 15 to 20 points with sales of 85 000 bags.

MARINE.

CLEARED.

Schr Helen G Moseley, Gray, New York, C D Maffitt.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, New York, H G Smallbones.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Schr Helen G Moseley, 395,349 feet lumber; cargo by Angola Lumber Co; vessel by C D Maffitt.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., January 3.

SCHOONERS.

Jno J Hanser, 556 tons, Wood, C D Maffitt.

Longfellow, 298 tons, Spencer, C D Maffitt.

Edward Stewart, 353 tons, Mitchell, C D Maffitt.

Jennie Lockwood, 376 tons, Hatchhorn, C D Maffitt.

Eliza A Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, to master.

Herald, 474 tons, Simmons, C D Maffitt.

Aetna, 397 tons, Chipman, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Carl, (Ger), 572 tons, Vols, Heide & Co.

NORTH CAROLINA

Rust Proof Seed Oats.

Excellent quality. Very low price.

We have some extra fine

Rough Rice,

suitable for seed.

BAGGING AND TIES.

Fish, Cheese, Crackers.

Grain and Hay,

Salt and Molasses.

Samples and prices on application.

THE WORTH CO.

oc 29 tf

FORTY TUBS FANCY

Renovated Butter.

Twenty-two Cents per Pound.

Ready for delivery this (Thursday) morning.

THE F. E. HASHAGEN CO.

dec 24 tf

Silver Salt.

It's a pleasure to clean Silver, Gold, Cut Glass or anything that shines with

SILVER SALT.

Makes water do the work. Guaranteed positively harmless; 25 cts at

HARDIN'S

Palace Pharmacy,

126 South Front Street.

oc 14 Both 'Phones 55.

What is the nicest present to make a gentleman Xmas? Go to

HAMME, THE HATTER,

he will tell you.

Latest Styles and Lowest Prices

dec 29 tf 24 Front Street.

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the boxes of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

ROBERT PORTNER BREWING CO.
HOME BREWING CO.
GOTTLIEB BAUERNSCHMIDT STRAUS BREWING CO.

dec 24 1 w

BUTTER,

APPLES, ORANGES,

CANDY, COCOANUTS,

RAISINS,

HALL & PEARSALL,

INCORPORATED.

dec 18 tf

Special Notice.

Deposits made with us on or before Saturday, January 2nd,

Will bear interest from that date at rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

108 Princess Street.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr Cashier.

dec 29 tf

Did You Do Your Duty?

If not, I have something with which to beautify your home, and so gladden the hearts of your loved ones, and you can term it a "NEW YEAR'S" gift. Clothes to wear, dishes to eat off of, etc., are ECESSITIES, but a handsome piece of Furniture is a joy and beauty forever and nothing will please a woman so much.

Fifty ladies to one man is the actual count of my Xmas customers.

N. F. Parker, 206 North Front Street.

CASH	Your House Furnished from top to bottom de 27 tf	CREDIT.

Just Received

A big line of Suits to retail at $10, neat designs and handsome patterns.

Sole Agent for Fechheimer Fishel & Co.'s Line Tailor-made Suits From $12.50 to $20 Per Suit.

Pants to fit anybody, any size and length.

You can save money by seeing our line before purchasing.

Suits to order from $13.50 up.

J. W. H. FUCHS.

Head to Foot Outfitters.

We sell for less. 'Phone 800

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,181,999 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250 00	Surplus and net profits	104,508 80
Bank Building	29,000 00	Circulation	24,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	718 1 6 94	Deposits	1,097 149 88
	$1 229,555 98		$1,229,555 98

Comparative statement of deposits.

Nov. 17th, 1901, $972,308 86. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,069 06 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,097,149 88.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

nov 21 tf

Cuban Blossom

—AND—

RENOWN CIGARS.

These Cigars are better than ever

"SILVER COIN"

FLOUR.

It is the BEST ever ground; guaranteed.

H. L. Vollers.

A. C. L. Crossing.

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Candy and Crackers.

Southern Department Candy.
Mixed Candy in 30 lb. Pails.
Broken Mixed Candy, 50 lb Tubs.
Excelsior Caramels, 15 lb. Pails
Violet Kisses in 10 lb. Boxes.
Chocolate Sweets in 5 lb. Boxes.
Penny Mixed Cakes
Pearl Lemon Cakes.
Crown Soda Cakes.
Gem Crackers.
Oyster Crackers.

Call on us or send your orders.

S. P. McNAIR,

jan 1 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Extended to all our friends and patrons who gave us this season, the best holiday trade we ever had. We thank you sincerely, and kindly ask all who wear Shoes to help us and our Cash-On-Approval system, make 1904 our banner year.

Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS CO.

Same Old Place. jan 2 tf

Southern Almanac

For Virginia and North Carolina. Price by mail 7 cents.

Circulation - - - 80,000.

Weather predictions without a rival. Special prices on application.

1904.....NEW.....1904.

Virginia State Gazetteer will be published Fall 1904—Price $5 00.

For further information address HILL DIRECTORY COMPANY, dec 23 tf Richmond, Va.

Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E Willis, Executrix of J W Willis vs. M. E. Willis et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court house door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 26th of January 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 18 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south, parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6, Block 66.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N line of Wooster street at a point 130 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 65 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 18

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, Block 33, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 84 feet, with Dawson 32 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 32 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to northern line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of Lot 4, Block 470.

WALTER P. GAFFORD, Commissioner.

dec 19 1m

CANDY

5 CENTS PER LB.

CHOICEST LINE IN THE CITY.

10c. per pound.

BETTER & MORE DELICIOUS.

15c per pound.

—STILL BETTER—

AND STILL MORE PALATABLE

Tenny's and Lowney's,

THEIR BEST IN BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED BOXES.

FRUIT

Best stock in the city and being received daily.

—THE PLACE—

J. W. Plummer, Jr.

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CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Our line of Xmas Goods is all open and ready for your inspection and consists of all the latest and most popular Novels,

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Fountain Pens

and a large line of Fancy Goods. Call and see us at our New Store.

ROBT. C. DeROSSET,

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de 13 tf 32 North Front St.

Salt, Salt,

1,000 Bags Salt.

Immediate Shipment.

W. B. COOPER,

de 30 tf Wilmington, N. C.

FOR SALE.

I own sixty building lots in the Southern portion of the City of Wilmington which I will sell for cash, prices ranging from $90 to $35. I will give warranty deeds for same. For further particulars you may see my attorney, Geo. H. Howell, at 116½ Princess street.

dec 27 1m MARY McI. HARRISS.

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SUITS and Overcoats.

Parents and guardians whose duty it is to look after the comfort and stylish appearance of the boy should by all means see this magnificent display of apparel. All styles are here—two and three piece Suits, Blouse, Norfolk, etc. All manly little Suits, in all stylish colors. Junior Suits for Children, 3 to 7 years old. Boys' Suits, 8 to 16 years old. Youths' Suits, for young men, 16 to 19 years old.

MEN'S SUITS

Suits in a variety of styles, Sacks, double breasted and three and four-button Suits; all sizes, regulars, stouts and slims In this masterly display of stylish suits are Tuxedos and full dress suits for formal and informal occasions. We carry the highest class goods of any clothing store in North Carolina.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers,
Sole Agents Strouse Bros. and Kuppenheimer's Fine Clothing.
jan 2 tf Masonic Templo.

XMAS----A. D. BROWN.---XMAS

Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays.

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas are the best.

Our Chinaware is something to think of.

New Gimps, Dressing Cases and Bags and Leather Goods are useful things to have

Fancy Table Linens, Scarfs, Tray Covers and Fancy Doylies; all kinds of hemstitched goods for presents.

Blankets, Robes, Comforts, Couch Covers, Portiers, Pillow Tops, Sofa Pillows; too numerous to mention.

We want to close out our Furs and Cloaks for the season.

We invite you all to see them.

We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.
We are Agents for Butterick's Patterns.
We are Agents for the American Lady Corset.
Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

Guns, Guns.

We have in stock Remington with automatic ejector, Baltimore Hammerless, Winchester repeating six shot, and complete line of Belgium Guns, Hunting Coats, Leggins, Gun Cases and Revolvers of all kinds. Our assortment of sporting goods is complete.

If you want serviceable goods and at fair prices you will find them at our establishment.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.,

Purcell Building, Wilmington, N. C.
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dec 29 tf

Success

It has been clearly demonstrated that Wilmington will support an up-to-date China Store, and that the people do appreciate the same by giving it their liberal patronage.

Our Xmas trade was all that could be expected. For which I thank you.
Truly yours,

F. A. BISSINGER, THE CHINA MAN,
dec 29 tf 119 Market Street.

We Greet You.

Our many friends and patrons, and wish you all a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting a continuation of same. We are yours

Very respectfully,

Geo. R. French & Sons.
dec 30 tf

A COLLEGE CHIT

(Original.)

"Doctor, I'm used up. Have palpitation of the heart, no appetite, bad digestion"—

"In short, you are a healthy man who has been running in one groove so long that the mind is tired and works on the body. Go into the country, where you will see no rows of brick houses, no people on business, no gay society. These you are used to; seek the reverse."

The season of strangers in the country had passed and Pendleton found no difficulty in finding a farmhouse where he was the only boarder. For a few days he took great pleasure strolling about alone through the woods, over the meadows, by the streams, breathing the fresh country air. Starting out on one of his walks he met a young girl whose condition of life he could not quite make out. If she did not appear to be city bred she was certainly different from the ordinary farmer's daughter. Returning he met the same girl. She had evidently been to the post office, for she was reading a letter. Pendleton looked at his watch.

Why he did so should need no explanation to one who has ever been similarly situated. If his reasoning were analyzed it would be thus: "She goes for the mail at this hour. What hour is it? Four o'clock. Tomorrow at 4 o'clock I will pass over the same ground."

And he did. Before setting out he had framed a question to put to the girl, and when he met her, raising his hat, he asked deferentially:

"I beg your pardon, but can you direct me to the post office?"

"Certainly. It is half a mile down this road."

"And the mail—the eastern mail—it comes in"—

"At 4:15."

"Ah, thank you very much." And, pulling out his watch, he took a glance at its face. "It's just 4," he added.

"I'm going to the post office. I'll show you where it is. You have to turn into a bypath just before reaching it and might not find it."

"How kind of you, and how fortunate that I met you!"

Three weeks later Pendleton and the girl were sitting on a log beside a stream. They had sat on the same log nearly every day about 4 o'clock in the afternoon since he had come to the place, and their letters had remained in the post office till the next morning. Pendleton heaved a deep sigh.

"What is it?" she said.

"My stay here ends tomorrow. I came for a change, a two weeks' rest, and I have taken an extra week." He sighed again.

Now, there are different kinds of sighs—at any rate sighs that express different things. Pendleton's sighs appeared to indicate his unwillingness to leave his companion. Really they were sighs of repentance. He was burdened with the thought that he had yielded to temptation and had won a heart that it would never do for him to possess. He cast a side glance at the girl. She was stirring up the dead leaves with the end of her parasol.

"I suppose we must say goodby here," he said. "My train goes in the morning, and since you have never permitted me to call upon you (for the want of an introduction) I can't go to your house this evening."

They were not to part immediately, for they had just met, but Pendleton put his arm around her waist and seemed inclined to begin the adieus. She drew away.

Pendleton did not ask her why she refused the kiss she had so often granted. Useless question. Had he not made love to her and had she not a right to expect that he would make good his advances and ask her to be his wife? He felt like a whipped cur.

"I've something to say to you before you go," said the girl. "I hope you will not be angry with me. You have certainly been very sweet to me, and I shall never forgive myself if you blame me. Of course that first kiss was not my fault; it was yours, but it was no excuse for my letting you kiss me again."

"Yes," said Pendleton gloomily, "the first was my fault, but the first step is always the fatal step. Besides, there is no fault in you in the matter, for you had a right to what my heart prompted me to say and what"—

She stopped him with a gesture. "Say no more," she said, "or you will be adding to my sin. I cannot let you go on or go away in ignorance of—Well, to confess, the afternoon you first met me I was going for a letter from"— She paused, then blurted, "my lover."

"Your lover!"

"Yes. Think of me as you will. Despise me. I have a lover, and till you came I never missed going for his letter as soon as it arrived. Since then—well, I've sent a boy for it and got it on my return from my walks with you. Don't be angry with me. I know I have done wrong, but you must remember I'm only a girl, a mere college chit. And now I'll explain further that I go back to college tomorrow. I've been rusticating here, having to pass a condition. But next June I'll be through with the horrid studies, and Frank and I are to be married the day after 'commencement.' You'll come to our wedding, won't you?"

Her conscience was sufficiently seared for one parting kiss and they separated. Pendleton heaved a sigh, but whether of relief or regret he could scarcely himself tell.

"A mere college chit," he repeated to himself, "and I—I supposed I was a man of the world. Well, she has cleared my conscience, and as for her own—after all, as she says, she's only a girl."

WESTCOTT ATWELL.

What the Dickens!

The London Chronicle declares that "What the dickens!" has nothing to do with the novelist. It is as old as Shakespeare, who in the "Merry Wives of Windsor" makes Mrs. Page say to Ford, "I cannot tell what the dickens his name is." And so the word—a palpable diminutive of Dick, like Wilkins and Hodgkins and Watkins—came into use as a substitute for another and more important D. As to "play the dickens," one thinks of Smollett and Humphry Clinker and the immortal scene in which the lion "would roar and tear and play the dickens," and in comparatively late times Thomas Moore could write:

Like the Goths who played the dickens
With Rome and all her sacred chickens.

A Natural Conclusion.

Teacher—Tommy Brown, tell me the shape of the earth.

Tommy—Round.

Teacher—How do you know?

Tommy Brown—You told me.

Teacher—Well, how do you suppose I know?

Tommy Brown—Oh, I s'pose somebody told you.

Advertising.

Editor—Does it pay to advertise in my paper? Well, I should say it does. Look at Smith, the grocer, for instance. He advertised for a boy last week, and the very next day Mrs. Smith had twins—both boys.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE TRADE AND PUBLIC:

The undersigned takes pleasure to announce that he has accepted the Agency of the G. B. S. Company's Darley Park Brewery, of Baltimore, Md., for Wilmington and vicinity and is ready to supply his patrons with the

High Grade Pale Beers!

From this famous Brewery. These fine Malt and Hop Beverages are unquestionably superior in richness and flavor to any heretofore sold in this city. They are absolutely free from preservatives and the cheap ingredients used in the production of low grade beers.

Thoroughly wholesome, nutritious and strengthening they are especially beneficial to those who require an invigorating tonic.

The General Agency has been furnished with complete facilities for handling Beer in barrels or bottles, is provided with the newest arrangement for bottling and pasteurizing the Beers bottled at this agency.

Special delivery wagons will promptly serve all orders from the Trade and General Public.

Order by Mail or Telephone.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. WRIGHT.

Office and Depot 319 Nutt Street,
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A Perplexed Porter.

"One certainly meets with queer experiences while traveling," remarked the person of roving tendencies. "One time, for example, when on my way to Chicago, I awoke in the morning to find a boot and a shoe under my berth instead of the pair I had left there the night before. Not wishing to appear thus in public, I called the porter and showed him the error. He appeared somewhat bewildered and finally remarked in a tone of mingled perplexity and surprise:

"Well, dat suttinly am mighty peculiar. Hit's de second time dat's happened dis mawnin'."—New York Times.

A Quaint Courtesy.

The gentleman with the high stock and the white whiskers arises in the street car, offering his seat to the woman who has just entered.

As she sinks into the seat made vacant she raises her eyes modestly and with just the faintest tinge of reserve says:

"Thank you, sir."

That evening the gentleman with the high stock and the white whiskers says to his wife:

"I had a most unusual experience today. I met a lady of the old school."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief, and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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Water Closets - - 50 cts per quarter, each
Kitchen Sinks - - 50 cts per quarter, each
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We carry our pipes to your property line without charge, and rates do not go into effect until service is rendered.

The Wilmington Sewerage Co.
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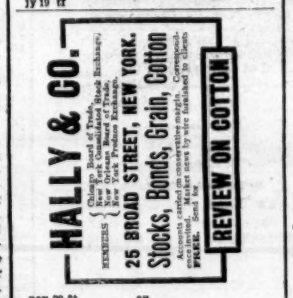
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The Great Southern Remedy.
Cures all Stomach and Bowel Troubles. Cures as Chronic Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Bloody Flux, and also children teething. It seldom fails to make quick and permanent cures of all stomach and bowel diseases. See testimonial of the late

HENRY W. GRADY.

Dr. Walter A. Taylor, Atlanta, Ga.
Dear Sir: This is the first certificate that I have ever given as to the merits of any medicine, but I take pleasure in recommending Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial. I consider it the best remedy that I have ever used in my family for Stomach and Bowel Troubles. 50c invested in a bottle of this medicine to be used in the beginning of any stomach trouble will often save life as well as a large doctor's bill. I have a friend whose life was, in my opinion, saved by the prompt use of Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial. For sale by all Druggists, 25 and 50c per bottle.

(Signed) HENRY W. GRADY.
Atlanta, Ga., May 23, 1897.
Haltiwanger-Taylor Drug Co., Prop.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein will cure Coughs, Croup or Consumption. Price 25c and $1 a bottle.

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Require the Most Careful Attention as Well as Good Soil.

Did you ever see a rosebush which—despite the most beneficent environment of soil—of sunshine—and of atmosphere, seemed never to achieve a healthy growth.

A ton of manure will not help a plant that has a canker eating out its heart.

You must destroy the cause before you can remove the effect.

You cannot cure Dandruff and Baldness by rubbing on hair lotions, and rubbing in vaseline, etc.

You must look to the cause of the trouble—it's a germ at the roots of your hair which causes it to fall out.

Newbro's Herpicide destroys the germ, and healthy hair is the sure result.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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PENNYROYAL PILLS
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283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $6.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors, Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5. and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1 75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1.50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

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Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*† 7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.40 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
*† 6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
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FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 15 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 42	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 58 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 55 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 35 p m
Ar Norfolk	6 51 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 56 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 29 a m	9 13 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 02 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 56 a m	2 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 13 p m	4 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 06 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 42 p m	11 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 27 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 19 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.
SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 26 a m	7 30 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	3 30 p m	2 05 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 30 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 00 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar 7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m	Ar 4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar 12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	4 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.
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Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m. arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p. m. Maxton 6:45 p. m., Hamlet 7:25 p. m. Arrive Charlotte 10:45 p. m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p. m. arrives Lumberton 2:15 a. m. Pembroke 2:58 a. m. Maxton 4 05 a. m. Hamlet 5:00 a. m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a. m. Hamlet 8:40 a. m. arrives Maxton 9:25 a. m. Pembroke 10:02 a. m. Lumberton 10:27 a. m. Wilmington 12:45 p. m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p. m. arrives Maxton 12:35 a. m. Pembroke 1:20 a. m. Lumberton 2:15 a. m. Wilmington 7:00 a. m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	12 26 p m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 33 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	4 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 55 a m
Ar Savannah	2 00 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

EASTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	8 35 a m	6 45 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 35 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	5 40	Goldsboro	10 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2 50 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 P. M. and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

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To Excursionists.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3.

RUMORS OF IRREGULARITIES.

Experts Investigating Accounts of Interstate Commerce Commission — No Startling Disclosures Expected.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Treasury Department experts to-day instituted an investigation of the accounts of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The action is taken at the instance of Acting Chairman Clements, of the commission, as a result of persistent rumors of irregularities in the drawing of vouchers, etc. When the expert accountants, Nathaniel M. Abrose, R. H. Taylor and James L. Chase, the latter of the office of the auditor for the State and other departments, reached the commission to-day, they sealed the safe and examined Secretary Edward A. Moseley, H. S. Milstead, the cashier, and other employes. Milstead has not been suspended. Acting Chairman Clements stated to-day that he did not know that anything was wrong, but that the rumors had become so persistent that they could no longer be ignored, and the Treasury Department was therefore asked to take charge of the accounts. Mr. Moseley is under $25,000 bond as disbursing officer.

It is understood that the rumors include allegations of payments made for service at one place while the payee was engaged elsewhere, and similar irregular methods. The investigation will be thorough and every phase of the accounting work of the commission will be thoroughly overhauled. The commission handles about $375,000 annually, the bulk of this being for travelling expenses, supplies, etc. The payments are by warrants drawn on the treasury. H. L. Milstead performs the duties of cashier, but Edward A. Moseley, the secretary of the commission, is in charge of all the accounting work. Acting Commissioner Clements, who is head of the commission in the absence of Chairman Knapp, in New York city, said that he did not regard the situation as startling and that he did not believe any wrongful conduct would be found, but that it was the unanimous opinion of the commission that the rumors should be inquired into by experts to ascertain the exact facts.

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Clearing House Averages at the Close of the Week.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan 2.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the five days of this week shows: Loans $908,580,800; increase, $16,307,700. Deposits, $886,178,900; increase, $20,260,200. Circulation, $44,925,400; increase, $379,000. Legal tenders, $70,410,800; increase, $2,708 300. Specie, $160,678,800; decrease, $476,000. Reserve, $231,086,600; increase, $2,032,300. Reserve required, $221,544 725; increase, $5,065,050. Surplus, $9,541,875; decrease, $3,032,750. Loan United States deposits, $18,753,735; decrease, $3,058,715.

TRAGEDY AT A DANCE.

Miss Mary Martin Fatally Shot by John Gans, Near Mayodan, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.—A special from Greensboro, N. C., says: It is reported here that Miss Mary Martin, who was shot at a dance last night near Mayodan, Rockingham county, died to-day. John Gans, deeply enamored of her, asked for a dance. The lady declined, because he had been drinking, and without warning he pulled a pistol and shot her, the ball passing through her chest.

At the preliminary trial this evening Gans was sent to Wentworth jail. Reports from there indicate that *for fear* of lynching the prisoner will be spirited to jail here.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending Friday, January 1st, 1904.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The following is the comparative cotton statement *for the week ending January 1st, 1904:*

	1904.	1903.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week	291,697	251,238
Total receipts to this date	5,337,676	4,949,711
Exports for week	211,846	229,179
Total exports to date	3,732,637	3,476,189
Stock in all U. S. ports	939,167	1,039,437
Stock at all interior towns	515,185	542,156
Stock in Liverpool	518,000	605,000
American afloat for Great Britain	244,000	240,000

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1903:

Galveston, 1,812,509; New Orleans, 1,303,560; Mobile, 101,514; Savannah, 906,198; Charleston, 138,135; Wilmington, 291,408; Norfolk, 335,983; Baltimore, 10,710; New York, 21,877; Boston, 7,835; Philadelphia, 4,608; Brunswick, 69,060; Pensacola, 85,441; Port Arthur, 40,467; Port Townsend, 19,391; San Francisco, 8,098; El Paso, 400; Eagle Pass, 6,143; Laredo, 4 440; Newport News, 2,461. Total, 5,337,676.

Rear Admiral Harrington, at Norfolk, has informed the Navy Department that he has sent an assistant naval inspector to Currituck beach on the naval tug Hercules to examine the condition of the submarine boat Moccasin with a view of hauling her off the beach if possible.

Wonderful Nerve

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RUSSO-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS.

Russia Has Decided Not to Accept the Precise Proposals of Japan.

MATTER NOT YET CLOSED.

Ministers Still Conferring—Situation Most Serious — Japanese Squadron to Seize Corean Port—Orders from Japan to Marine Engineers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—It appears to be true that Russia has decided *not to accept* Japan's precise *proposals*. But the Foreign Office here to-day informed the Associated Press that Foreign Minister Lamsdorf and the Japanese minister, M. Kurino, are still conferring, with the view of arriving at an amicable settlement. Unofficially the situation is regarded as being most serious.

TOKIO, JAPAN, Jan. 2.—The report is current that a Japanese squadron of six armored cruisers under Admiral Kamimura, now at Sasebo, will seize the port of Masampho or any Corean port, except to forestall Russia in the event of the latter showing evidences of an intention to take a step, or in the event of the negotiation between the two countries finally ending in failure.

Great activity prevails and the force of workmen has been increased at the Osaka arsenal. The holidays of the arsenal operatives have been curtailed in order to hurry up the work in hand.

Marine Engineers.

GLASGOW, Jan. 2.—A large number of Clyde marine engineers received cable orders from the Japanese government to-day to proceed immediately to Japan. These engineers were engaged by the Japanese government six months ago, on the understanding that they would be called on if active service was probable. Full instructions were sent them in cipher. They will go to the Far East by way of Canada, leaving January 5.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—No word has yet been received here tending to show when the Russian *reply* to Japan may be expected. Foreign Secretary Lansdown has informed Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, that he fears the war party in Russia is in the ascendent, and that he has faint hopes of Japan receiving a favorable reply.

Baron Hayashi says he has received no news of the intended dispatch of a Japanese squadron to Mesampho. The last news he heard was that a Russian cruiser was there. The minister pointed out that the dispatch of a squadron to Mesampho would not necessarily be a warlike action, though it could scarcely help being regarded in the line of other precautions which Japan has openly taken.

GIZERTA, TUNIS, Jan. 2.—The Russian sunadron destined for the Far East will sail to-morrow for Alexandria.

A dispatch from Bizerta, December 18th, says the Russian naval force then anchored there consisted of a battleship, the name of which was not given, the battleship Oslilabya, the cruiser Dimtridonskoi and Aurora and five torpedo boats. They were then to be reinforced and in a few days by six other torpedo boats.

War Inevitable.

PEKIN, January 3.—Information in the possession of the best informed diplomats in Pekin convinces them that war is inevitable; possibly within a few days.

Japan's Last Note.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Associated Press learns from a high official source that Japan in her last note to the Russian government announced that the minimum proposition which she can accept from Russia must include *rights in Corea* equal to those *claimed by Russia in Manchuria*. In *return*, it is said, Japan agrees to recognize the supremacy of Russia in Manchuria.

To this proposition, the Associated Press is informed, the Russian government will not give its approval, feeling that Japan should content herself with modifications in the form of concessions in Corea for her commerce. Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, thinks the Far Eastern situation "gloomy, but not without some hope of salvation."

At the Japanese legation to-night it was intimated that *if the Russian reply does* not give definite assurance that in general the concessions asked for by Japan in Corea will be the Tokio government will be granted compelled to abandon diplomacy for force.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGED.

Twenty Men Arrested in Connection With Chicago Fire in Police Court.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Twenty men arrested in connection with the Iroquois theatre tragedy were arraigned before Justice Caverly in the Harrison street police court to-day on a charge of manslaughter. Five of the defendants were members of the chorus of the "Mr. Blue Beard" Company, and were defended by Attorney Thomas Hogan. No testimony was given in court and it was immediately agreed that a continuance be granted. Most of the time was devoted to an effort by the attorney to have the bonds of his clients reduced from the $5,000 in which they had been held. In the end the bonds in each case were reduced to $1,000 and the cases placed on the calendar for hearing January 11th. Attorney Hogan told the magistrate that his clients had nothing to do with the management, construction or handling of the scenery. He said they continued singing even after the audience became panic-stricken, in a vain effort to allay the fears of the frightened audience.

The other defendants will have a hearing before Justice Caverly Monday. Their bonds were placed at $5,000 each.

CHURCH BELLS TOLLING.

Sympathy Shown in New York City for the Chicago Fire Sufferers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—In various sections of Manhattan, Chicago's great sorrow and her mourning for those who died in the Iroquois theatre fire were brought home to thousands by the solemn tolling of bells in all the churches and chapels embraced in Trinity Parish. Just as Wall street was sending forth its thousands who had finished their week's work this noon, the parent church, Trinity, sent forth its solemn notes and they were echoed in the other six churches and chapels of the parish.

FIRE AT WILSON, N. C., EARLY THIS MORNING.

Four Large Buildings in the Business Section and Other Property Destroyed. Loss Estimated at $125,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 3.—A telephone message from Wilson, N. C., at 1 o'clock this morning (Sunday) says that four large buildings in the heart of the business section have been destroyed at a loss of $60,000, that the fire is still raging and threatens extensive damage. An appeal has been sent to Rocky Mount for aid, and a portion of the fire department of that town is being hurried there. The fire originated in the basement of the Cooper Watson tobacco warehouse and spread to a large building owned by W. J. Bettis, the Centre warehouse, the largest in Wilson, and Woodward and Jones tobacco warehouse, which will be a total loss.

At 2 o'clock this morning the flames were under control, but much more damage than already reported had resulted. In addition to the buildings mentioned, the following were destroyed: Lewis & Cook's bar-room, W. H. Morris' grocery store, John Y. Moore's livery stable, two-story brick building of J. C. Wiggins, W. T. Clark's livery stables; M. C. Davis' bar-room, Edwards Brother's livery stable, and a half dozen smaller buildings. Total loss estimated at $125,000.

SENSATIONAL DAMAGE SUIT.

Brought by Mrs. Laura DeLang Against the Countess Esterhazey for Alienating Her Husband's Affections.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Countess Esterhazey, widow of the late Maximilian Esterhazey, who was at one time secretary of the Austrian embassey in Washington, is the defendant in a damage suit for $100,000 brought by Mrs. Laura M. DeLang, who charges that the Countess alienated her husband's affections. The papers were served on the Countess here to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin DeLang have divided their time between homes in New York and Warrenton, Prince William county, Va Mrs. DeLang says her husband left their home in Virginia on August 3d and has since absented himself. She charges that much of the time has been spent by Mr. DeLang in the company of the Countess Esterhazey in Washington. Friends of the Countess said that Mr. DeLang had been received by her as a friend and that she had no knowledge that he was married.

Mr. DeLang is a member of an old Swiss family and is said to be without means. Countess Esterhazey is the daughter of William Carroll, of Washington, a cousin of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, who was one of the signers of the declaration of independence. The countess has been twice married, her first husband having been General Griffin. She has many friends at the Austrian court and is said to be a favorite of the present emperor. She has an independent fortune.

PERSONAL EFFECTS LOST.

Estimated that $100,000 Worth of Valuables Disappeared from Bodies of the Victims of the Chicago Fire.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—From the large number of complaints received of the loss of personal effects from the bodies of the fire victims, coroners' office clerks estimated that $100,000 worth of diamonds, watches, jewelry, furs and other property was lost in the fire. Many of the victims had money in their possession which could not be found when the bodies were examined at the morgues. Much of the property of value was undoubtedly lost, but a large amount may have been stolen by ghouls. The largest amount of currency recovered was $405, found pinned to the garments of a woman.

Superintendent of Streets Cleaning Solon and a force of men went to the Iroquois theatre to-day with instructions to clean it most thoroughly. As the men set to work they examined every scrap for jewels, articles of clothing and trinkets. The order was issued after City Custodian De Witt C. Cregier, had found a diamond pin holding a stone as large as a pea and valued at $500. *Mr. Cregier* added the gem to the collection of effects displayed for purposes of identification.

GEN. JAMES LONGSTREET.

Died at His Home in Gainesville, Ga., of Pneumonia, Aged 84 Years.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 2.—General James Longstreet, soldier, statesman and diplomat, and the last lieutenant general of the Confederate army with the exception of General Gordon, died in Gainesville, Ga., this afternoon at 6 o'clock from an attack of acute pneumonia. He had been ill two days.

General Longstreet was a sufferer from cancer of one eye, but his general health had been good until Wednesday when he was seized with a cold, developing later into pneumonia of a violent nature. He was 84 years old. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. He will be buried in Gainesville which has been his home since the civil war.

General James Longstreet was born in the Edgefield district, S. C., January 8th, 1821. He was appointed to the military academy from Alabama, where he graduated in 1842. He won his spurs in the Mexican war where he participated in eight important battles and was brevetted captain and major for gallant conduct.

When the civil war began he enlisted on the Confederate side and was immediately made brigadier general. He had an important part in many of the battles of the war and was known as one of the hottest fighters in the service. He was in the surrender at Appomattox.

After the war he took up his residence in New Orleans and established a commercial house, of which he was the head. He was appointed surveyor of the port of New Orleans by President Grant and was afterward supervisor of internal revenue in New Orleans and postmaster in that city. He was sent as United States minister to Turkey by President Hayes and under President Garfield was United States marshal for the district of Georgia. Some years ago he was appointed United States commissioner of railroads with headquarters at Washington, which position he held at the time of his death.

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MOURNING IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

A Hundred Church Bells Tolling for the Dead of the Theatre Fire.

LONG LINES OF FUNERALS.

Snow Storm Added to the Solemnity—Numerous Funeral Corteges —All Theatres Closed by the Mayor. More Arrests Made.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Church bells tolling at noon, business activity checked, many celebrations postponed, and long lines of funerals making their way to the outlying districts where the cemeteries are situated—these circumstances evidenced Chicago's outward grief for the victims of the Iroquois theatre disaster to-day. Priests and ministers of the gospel went from funeral to funeral to day, as they will to-morrow and Monday. The unidentified dead will be kept as long as possible at the morgue. If no one then comes to lay claim to the bodies they will be buried at the city's expense. By common assent of the clergy, "Lead Kindly Light," the hymn written by Cardinal Newman, is being sung at all the funerals.

When it was 12 o'clock the chimes of a northside church tolled a dirge and the northeast wind carried it over the city. Before the first notes had died away, another chime farther south sounded a mournful intonation. Then a hundred bells broke forth in a mighty diaphason, whose iron moans seem to reach the gray clouds and echoed back again in solemn concord. The bells tolled for an hour.

A snow storm which prevailed, added to the solemnity. An intense quietness in the atmosphere itself, the absence of all holiday appearances and the numerous funeral corteges as they moved slowly through the snow storm while the church bells were slowly tolling combined to make the occasion one as peculiarly cheerless as it was solemn and impressive. The City Hall, except absolutely necessary departments, was closed to-day. The Board of Trade closed an hour earlier than usual and a number of mercantile and manufacturing establishments were closed. The big State street department stores closed their doors at noon. The belief of the proprietors had been that the affording of facilities for the bereaved thousands to secure mourning goods by keeping the stores open, would be an act of mercy, but this belief was altered, the demand having apparently been quite fully met. Nearly all the trade of the hours the stores remained open was in the class of goods mentioned.

Thirty-four teachers in the public schools are known to have lost their lives in the fire and the schools will be closed Monday in their memory.

All Theatres Closed.

To-night every theatre in the city of Chicago is dark and with doors closed. Not one of them will be opened to the public until their managers have complied in the fullest manner with the ordinances regulating play houses.

The order compelling the theatres to close was issued this afternoon by Mayor Harrison after a conference with Corporation Counsel Tolman, who assured Mayor Harrison that ample legal ground existed for his action.

Seventeen theatres and museums were closed last night and the sweeping order of the mayor to-day shut seven doors of seven more. These last are the leading theatres in the business section of the city and are the Studebaker, Grand Opera House, McVickers, LaSalle, Garrick, Illinois and Powers. The last two are owned and controlled by Messrs. Powers & Davis, the managers of the illfated Iroquois. The Garrick closed to-day is not to be confounded with the Garrick theatre closed yesterday, it being one of the largest play houses in the city, while the one concerning which action was taken yesterday is a much smaller affair in the northwestern portion of the city.

The seventeen places of amusement which were shut last night were closed for the one reason that they were not provided with an asbestos curtain. The further action taken to-day is in consequence of violations of other sections of the ordinance regulating theatres.

There was a hasty rush of theatrical managers to the office of Mayor Harrison in the effort to secure the withdrawal or at least a postponement of the order, but their reception was of an exceedingly frosty nature. They were informed by the mayor that the inspectors had reported in the case of every one of them violations of the law, and he was determined that it should not be said hereafter that the city had neglected anything which could prevent a repetition of the horror of last Wednesday afternoon.

The fact that the asbestos curtain in the Iroquois theatre was so badly wrecked by the fire that charred portions of it have been carried away by various investigating committees caused the mayor to decide that asbestos curtains could not be relied upon to afford the most complete protection. It was announced that every theatre in the city must hereafter comply with the following provisions before they will be allowed to open: Steel roll curtains; wide exits; no combustibles of any kind in the house furnishings; fire-proofed scenery; no calcium or "spot" lights to be used on the stage; skylights above the stage provided with automatic lids to permit the egress of smoke, fire and gas; separate stairways—each exit having its own stairs leading to the street.

More Arrests Made.

Will. J. Davis and Harry Powers, proprietors of the Iroquois theatre, and Building Commissioner Williams are under arrest charged with manslaughter. They have been released on $10,000 bonds and their hearing is set for January 13th. The warrants for their arrest were sworn out by Arthur E. Hull, who lost his wife and three children in the fire. Mr. Hull explained that his action was not inspired by any motive of vengeance, but simply to make it certain that the owners of the theatres do not escape any chance of punishment that was rightfully theirs, while stage hands and electricians and other employes were compelled to suffer. It is a noteworthy fact that Building Commissioner Williams, who is now charged with manslaughter, in connection with the greatest fire horror the country has ever experienced, owes his appointment to a tragedy of similar nature, but of much less extent, which occurred two years ago. Mr. Williams' predecessor vacated his office after the burning of the St. Luke's sanitarium at 20th street and Wabash avenue. This was the institution in which a score of men suffering from delirium tremens were burned to death while strapped to their beds. Mr. Williams was selected with the idea that he was the proper man to see that no such catastrophe could happen again.

Number of Dead.

The number of dead is now definitely known to be 587. Of these, 575 have been identified. The remaining twelve bodies were to-night, upon order of the coroners, removed to the county morgue, where they will be kept hereafter.

Mayor Harrison to day received a letter from Coroner Traeger suggesting that a public funeral be held in the near future of the unidentified dead. The mayor agreed heartily with the suggestion.

It is also proposed to build a monument by popular subscription in honor of the unidentified dead. This suggestion came from Coroner Traeger and was approved by Mayor Harrison.

Davis and Powers Arraigned

Formally charged with manslaughter, Managers Will. J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, of the Iroquois theatre, with city Building Commissioner Williams were to-day held under bonds of $10,000 each.

Arthur E. Hull, whose family perished in the theatre fire and who was the complainant, was present when the two theatre managers and the city officials underwent the ordeal of facing the charges. The hearing of the case was set for January 13th.

The arraignment took place at the home of Justice Underwood, where the accused presented themselves accompanied by counsel. An officer read the warrants.

The bonds, however, were quickly read and the defendants were released until the day set for arraignment in court.

"This is not a vindictive proceeding," announced the complainant's attorney, "and we feel disposed to refrain from causing any one any unnecessary annoyance. In view of the investigation now being carried on by the authorities, we feel that this proceeding can be properly continued."

The complainant's attorney added: "The purpose of this proceeding is, first, to place these men under bonds, and to hold them by means of legal process. Secondly, Mr. Hull desires to spur the authorities to a complete investigation of the catastrophe. In the third place, if the official investigation is side-tracked into small fry, this proceeding will reach the persons who occupy the position of the keystone of the whole affair. It appeared to my client to be a mockery to arrest stage carpenters and men and women in a minor capacity while others who occupied much more prominent positions were allowed to go free. He feels that the responsibility ought to be fixed upon whoever is guilty.

"On behalf of Davis and Powers, I will say that they are going to meet the issue squarely," said the defendants' attorney. "Both have a clear conscience in this proceeding and intend to act their part as men should."

This ended the proceedings for the present.

Will J. Davis appeared to feel the strain under which the defendants have been more acutely than the others. As newspaper photographers took flash-light pictures of the group in the house during the signing of the bonds, Mr. Davis would invariably jump when the powder was touched off, and gave other indications of extreme nervousness.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Explained by the Manager of the "Spot" Light at the Iroquois Theatre—The So-called Explosion.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—William McMullen, manager of the "spot" light, which is alleged to have caused the fire in the Iroquois theatre, testified at the hearing before Fire Inspector Fulkerson to day that the "spot" light had nothing to do with it.

He said the fire was caused by the heat from the "flood" light used to flood the theatre.

McCullen said his "spot" light was turned out when the fire started. He said he was looking up at the "flood" light and saw the flimsy border blow directly over the "flood" light. The heat from this light, he alleges, caused the fire.

The city electrician followed with testimony that the heat from the "flood" light was sufficient to cause the fire.

James J. Hamilton, scenery shifter, explained what seemed to many at the fire to be an explosion.

"Five minutes after the fire started," said he, "the big set piece in the shape of a fan, used as a finale in the second act, fell forty feet to the stage. The piece was studded with 150 incandescent lamps and weighed several hundred pounds. The noise of its fall and the breaking lamps gave forth the sound of an explosion."

PANIC IN THEATRE.

Game Near Repeating the Scenes of the Chicago Fire.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—An immense holiday audience which packed the Thalia theatre, on the Bowery, at today's matinee performance, all but repeated the scenes of wild panic of the Chicago fire, when a shrill cry of "fire!" ran through the house. Only the chance circumstance that several policemen were standing in the lobby at the moment and met the emergency with strong measures checked the wild unreasoning frenzy of the audience in their desire to escape from the building by the main entrance.

Clubs and fists met the rush the moment it began, the police and the employes of the theatre rushing through the crowd and literally lifting the leaders from their feet and forcing them into their seats.

The attack of the police in front was as sudden as had been the fire alarm and served to quiet the crowd and avert what would have been a murderous stampede.

WARM WIRELETS

Robert Alexander, a negro mail carrier, was assassinated at his home, Ripley, Tenn., by unknown parties.

Preceded by a blustering gale, snow began falling at Newport News, Va., late last night and at midnight a heavy snow storm raged over the Virginia peninsula.

The Republican State committee of Mississippi has fixed March 23d as the time and Jackson as the place for holding the State convention, at which delegates will be chosen to the national convention in Chicago. Resolutions endorsing President Roosevelt were adopted unanimously, as was also a resolution declaring for the speedy construction of the Panama canal.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13.00.

SEVERE STORM RAGING.

Heavy Snowfall in New York, With Blustering Gales—The New England Coast Storm-Swept.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Snow, beginning early this morning with brief alternations of hail and rain, combined with bitter blistering gales to create a condition of intense discomfort in New York. During the day the fall was not sufficiently heavy to seriously impede street car traffic although in the evening rush hours the Broadway cars were frequently stalled. Owing to the storm most of the theatres were practically deserted.

Late to-night the storm increased in force, the northwest wind piling the snow in drifts and giving promise of trouble for the surface lines to-morrow.

The local weather bureau reported that up to 10 o'clock about seven inches of snow had fallen and that there was a prospect of the downfall continuing all night to a probable depth of ten inches or more.

On New England Coast.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The New England coast is storm swept to-night by a storm the most severe since that of November, 1898. The wind reached a velocity of forty miles an hour, accompanied by heavy snow, which piled up in great drifts and made work difficult for the life saving patrol. Great quantities of wreckage came ashore from the sunken steamer Kiowa and it is evident that the vessel is rapidly going to pieces.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Horace G. Burt, President of the Company, Has Tendered His Resignation. His Successor Not Named.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 2.—Horace G. Burt, president of the Union Pacific railroad, has handed his resignation to the directors. It is understood that it will be acted upon at the next meeting of the board, which will be held in the near future. At Mr. Burt's office it was stated that he will take an extensive trip with Mrs. Burt for the purpose of securing rest. His active railroad service has extended over thirty-five years, and it is stated he feels the need of a complete rest. The trip will be of several months' duration.

Mr. Burt's resignation, it was learned, has been in the hands of the directors for some time, although the fact was not made public until to-day. It is not believed that the board will refuse to accept it, as Mr. Burt has been very explicit in his expression of a desire to retire from the company's service.

The matter of selecting a new president for the Union Pacific has created considerable interest and speculation as to a successor for Mr. Burt has included a wide range of names. At Union Pacific headquarters, however, no opinion was officially ventured as to who will in future control the affairs of the company.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid nonpariel type, for a term not to exceed each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Wanted at Virginia House—Steady, sober gentlemen boarders. No others need apply 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 29 1m*

Sister in despair—Speedy relief. Abnormal suppression any cause. Write for remedy. Dr. Martha Walker Co., 163 State, Chicago. Jan 3 1t

Miss Leonora Cantwell's mid winter session in dancing will open for the afternoon classes Monday at 2.30 P. M. Evening classes Tuesday at 8.30 P. M. jan 3 1t

Wanted—Manager for branch office we wish to locate here in Wilmington. Address with references, Morris Wholesale House, care this paper. jan 3 1t*

To-day extra cars will leave Front and Princess streets for Ocean View at 1.30, 2.30 and 3 P. M., returning will leave Ocean View at 3, 4.30 and 4.45 P. M. jan 3 1t

Furnished rooms for rent. Apply to Carl Mugge, corner second and Princess streets. jan 3 1t*

Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed in and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. See them before buying. dec 23 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 south Eighth street. dec 30 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 18 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Isaac D. Pearce & Co. to Mary J. Pearce, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains for 5 days. H. McJannet, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 13 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 319 Market street. Both 'phones sep 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Old newspapers suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. fe 21 tf

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, } In the Superior Court.

Josephus Turner and Emma Turner, vs. Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner.

It being made to appear, by affidavit in this cause, that the defendants above named, Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner, are non-residents of this State and cannot, after due diligence, be found in this State; that a cause of action exists in favor of the plaintiffs against the defendants in that they are necessary parties to this action, the same being for a partition of a lot of land in the City of Wilmington, described in the partition filed in this cause owned by the parties hereto as tenants in common, and heirs at law of Emeline Jarvis.

Now let the defendants, Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner, be and appear before me at my office, in the Court House in Wilmington, N. C., on the 1st day of February, 1904 an answer or demur to the complaint the day filed in this cause, or judgment will be granted against them according to the prayer of the complaint.

Dated this the 19th day of December, 1903.

JOHN D. TAYLOR, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover Co. dec 30 6t

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Stock Taking Time Has Come.

We would rather have the money than the goods. In every department this week we will make a special effort to reduce the stock by cutting the prices.

In our Cloak Department we have a nice line of cloaks just received that are $5 values that we will sell at $3.95. We also have a very good line of cloaks that we are selling at $5. The military cloaks, the latest and newest goods out, with brass buttons, which we sold at $8, we will now sell at $6 50.

We have a good many Furs left that we are trying to unload before the season is over. In this department we are offering a special discount of 15 per cent. on the entire line, making our $1 furs sell for 85c., and a $3 fur for $2 55; a $5 fur for $4 25.

In infants and small children's cloaks we have advertised very strongly, but we want to sell the goods, as we have too many of them. In this department we will offer 15 per cent. discount on our wholesale prices, and we have them at all prices from 50c. to $4 50. The long cashmere cloaks for small infants, nicely trimmed in silk and braid at $1.25 each, less 15 per cent.

Silk and Wool Baby Caps.

In this department we have wool hoods for 10c. each. A beautiful wool hood finished in silk for 25c. each. Children's silk bonnets at 50c. each; beautiful silk caps at 25c., 35c. and 50c. each.

Blankets.

Blankets we have at all prices. Cotton Blankets as low as 40c each and a good Blanket to close out at 75c a pair; our $1.25 Cotton Blankets we will sell at $1.00. Elkins Mills all-wool Blankets we want to close out, as we have a very few left and we will sell the 10 quarter Blankets for $3.25, regular price $4 00. Our Chesterfield 12-quarter Blankets, the finest Blankets sold in the city, worth $7.50 a pair, our price $5.00 a pair. In Comforts we have a good 50c Comfort we will sell at 38c, and a $1.00 Comfort for 75.

Christmas Goods.

We have only a few left, but what we have is new and desirable goods. We will sell one-fourth less than first price. A $1.00 article we will sell at 75 cents.

Felt Slippers for Ladies and Children.

We have them at all prices, from 50c to $1 25. In our Shoe Department we handle a strong line of Ladies' Shoes. Our Southern Belle is $1.50 and our Vicerous is $1 50. Both kinds are fully guaranteed to look well and wear well. If they do not give perfect satisfaction with reasonable wear we will gladly give a new pair in exchange. In our small Children's shoe department we handle the Lilliputian line. They are just as soft as gloves, solid leather and only 50c a pair; they are little beauties. We sell the youths' shoe, solid leather, from 3 to 5½ at $1 a pair; they look well and wear well. In men's shoes, we handle a full line of Snow's hand sewed shoes, price from $2.25 to $3 50. William Kneeland's fine hand sewed shoes, the best goods in the country, from $3 to $4.50 a pair, and we sell the Battle Axe shoe, all solid in every part, from $1.25 to $3 a pair; we sell the Heart and Arrow brand of men's shoes that are the best wearers in cheap shoes made, that are absolutely guaranteed to be all solid, from $1 25 to $2. We also sell a full line of men's shoes at $1 a pair; they are nice, stylish shoes and look well.

In rubbers, we have rubber boots; rubber shoes in all grades. One box of rubber shoes for children at 10c a pair; one lot at 15c a pair; one lot of ladies' rubber shoes at 15c a pair; one box of men's rubbers at 25c a pair; our best storm rubbers for ladies at 50c a pair and for men at 75c a pair.

Men's Hats.

In the hat department, we have a big line of men's hats, which we bought at half price. We will sell you a beautiful $1.25 hat for 75c; a $2 hat for $1.25 and a $1.50 hat for $1; we also have a big line of men's sample hats which we sell absolutely at first cost.

Hosiery Department.

In this department we have recently added a line of Fay Stockings for children, prices 23, 35 and 40c a pair; they are well worth the money and when once tried are used all the time; we will be glad to show them to you. We still sell the best children's hose sold in the city for 10c. a pair, all sizes from 5 to 9½, fast black and seamless. We also handle a line of heavy black school hose for boys in sizes from 5 to 9½ at 12½c. a pair. In ladies heavy ribbed black hose with tight fitting ankles and prettily shaped we have them at 15c. a pair. We also handle a full line for women, children and men hose for 5c. a pair.

Overalls.

The Head Light is OUR brand. They are the best overall sold in the city. Every seam felled; every yard of cloth shrunk and every garment warranted on a ten days trial. The Head Light is the best. Give them a trial and be content, at $1 each.

We have no dull season and will not have it dull. To do business is to make business. We want your trade. We offer better values than ever and are still giving presents free. We punch cards with all cash purchases and give you a present which you will appreciate. If not, why not? Begin now with the New Year. The old year is gone and we did well; we can do better this year if we get your trade at the People's Big Racket Store.

Geo. O. Gaylord,

PROPRIETOR.

jan 3 tf 208 and 210 North Front Street.

MEN'S OVERCOATS,

MEN'S SUITS.

The cold wave finds us ready with the finest stock of

Men's Winter Overcoats and Stormers in the City.

All usual sizes for Men and Youths. Plenty of extra sizes beside.

THE A. DAVID CO.,

jan 1 tf Clothiers and Gents' Outfitters.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To each and every one of our friends and customers, and we wish to thank them for their generous patronage the past year and hope for a continuance of the same.

M. H. Curran,

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hot